



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Bell UH-1H

FACT SHEET



Bell UH-1H helicopters are rotary-wing, short-range, turbine-powered helicopters, which fly with a crew of two (pilot and copilot).

The medium-lift capability of the UH-1H supports agents in high-altitude and hot environments such as the desert in the Southwest Region, where pilots encounter extreme temperatures that may disrupt safe aircraft operation.

UH-1H helicopters are used by the Office of Air and Marine to perform tactical and utility missions along the border such as aerial patrol and enforcement relocation. The helicopter's secondary mission is to provide external lift capability, to include sling load, fast rope, and rappel operations.

Performance and Weights:

- **Maximum Speed**
120 knots (138 mph)
- **Service Ceiling Altitude**
14,000 feet
- **Range**
240 nautical miles (276 miles)
- **Endurance**
2 hours
- **Maximum Gross Weight**
9,500 pounds

Features:

- Night vision goggle-compatible